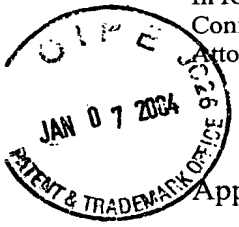


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claim begin on page 3 of this paper.

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 begins on page 4 of this paper

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

As January 3, 2004 was a Saturday and the United States Patent and Trademark Office was closed, this Amendment is timely filed on January 5, 2004.

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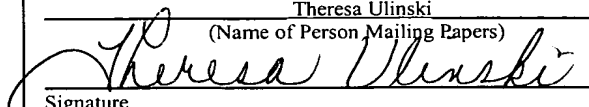
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.
☒ No additional claim fee is required.
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim/s			+ \$140.00	+ \$280.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$ 0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed to cover the filing fee.
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. An original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.
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